

REVIEWS OF BOOKS.

LA PRATIQUE DES OPERATIONS NOUVELLES EN CHIRURGIE. Par M. A. GUILLEMAIN. Paris: Baillière et Fils, 1895.

This little work calls for the most hearty commendations. It gives in brief and concise language an account of the chief recent operations in surgery. As the author says, it makes no pretence at being complete, and he owns that some difference of opinion may exist as to what measures should be included under "new operations."

The first chapter deals with the head, and gives an excellent account of the chief operations upon the brain and of the exposure of the mastoid antrum. We are surprised to note that the operative treatment of thrombosis of the lateral sinus is overlooked, and we miss Rose's operation for the removal of the Gasserian ganglion.

Chapter II deals with the trunk, and contains sections on pulmonary surgery, on partial thyroidectomy, and on the cure of spina bifida. Many of these sections can hardly claim to be "new." The third chapter is headed, "The Alimentary Canal." It contains a full account of Lucas-Championnière's operation for hernia, of Félixet's operation for hernia in children, of the operation of orchidopexy, of Senn's plates, and of Murphy's button, and an excellent description of the principal modern operations on the stomach. The whole of this chapter is of much value.

Chapter IV deals with the liver, the pelvis, the anus, and rectum. The sections which will be read with most interest are those dealing

with operations on the bile-ducts, the operation of total hepatopexy by Gérard Marchand, transiliac drainage of the pelvis, and the treatment of prolapsus ani.

Chapters V and VI deal with the genito-urinary organs, and contain many admirable paragraphs, especially those on hysterectomy. The last chapter on general surgery contains such matters as bone-grafting, synovectomy, arthrodesis, the interscapulo-thoracic amputation, the much-talked-of operations of Hoffa and Lorenz for congenital dislocations of the hip, and Phelps's operation for club-foot.

A TEXT-BOOK OF OPERATIVE SURGERY. By THEODORE KOCHER.

Translated by DR. HAROLD STILES. With 185 illustrations.

London: Adam and Charles Black, 1895.

This is an English edition of the last issue of Kocher's well-known work on operative surgery. The translation has been well done, and the publishers have produced it in the form of a handsome, well-executed volume. It is well known that this work is the result of the author's own experience; that it deals with only such measures as he himself employs, and that it makes no attempt at being a systematic treatise on the operations of surgery. The value of the work, indeed, lies in its personal element, in the fact that it is the actual surgical creed of a well-known and experienced operator. He has found certain measures succeed, and he commends them and describes them.

The volume is nicely arranged, and the operations are arranged according to the various anatomical districts dealt with. The illustrations are numerous, original, and excellent.

The operations upon nerves are particularly well described and form a very valuable element in the work, especially as in many systematic text-books this department of surgery is feebly represented.